



RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Spring 2018 Newsletter

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE AGM OF THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD AT
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ON WEDNESDAY 28th MARCH 2018 AT 8.00 PM

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Minutes from the last Annual General Meeting
3. To consider the adoption of the Association's Borough Council election candidate
4. Election of the R A Committee

NB: The Chairman, Rue Stanley, Cherrycroft, Tattenham Crescent would be pleased to receive nominations to the Committee

Break for Refreshments

5. Chairman & Treasury report
6. Councillors reports: Nick Harrison, Jill Bray & Bob Harper
7. Question and answer session
8. Any other business (*Please submit AOB topics to the Chairman 7 days before AGM*)

THE TATTENHAMS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The R A represents residents living in the Tattenhams Ward of Reigate and Banstead Borough Council. It is a non-party political organisation that aims to preserve and improve amenities in the area and seeks to foster good local government by a close liaison with local authorities and other public bodies. Our local councillors work as a group with councillors sponsored by Nork Residents' Association at the Borough Council, and with Residents' Association and independent councillors across Surrey at the County Council.

Any resident wishing the R A to take up questions concerning local matters or interests should email, phone or write to a Councillor or a Committee Member.

Local Borough Council elections are on May 3rd 2018. Register to vote at: http://www.reigatebanstead.gov.uk/info/20318/voting_and_elections/306/electoral_register_and_open_register

This edition of our newsletter is distributed to all households in Tattenhams Ward prior to our AGM, but normally only to R A members during the rest of the year. If you would like to join and receive a newsletter please contact us – see last page for details.



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2017

It has been an exciting year for the Tattenhams RA. We have seen good results from initiatives started in 2016. Here is a brief overview.

Planning: We have been faced with an unprecedented number of planning applications which are threatening the character of our area. We do not blindly oppose them all, but work closely with residents where there are concerns. Frequently we are successful in opposing the original application, as developers try to squeeze in more than is reasonable, and council officers and planning committee usually agree. Developers are free to appeal to the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol, and the record shows the Inspectors reject their appeals more often than not.

Road resurfacing and safety improvements: The new pedestrian crossing at Tattenham Corner is operational – a scheme we had promoted for at least five years. Resurfacing of Preston Lane, Chapel Way and Reigate Road at the Great Tattenhams traffic lights has also been completed.

Local improvements: The Borough Council has awarded £10,000 to each ward to be used for local improvements (sourced from the “New Homes Bonus” granted by central government). We have approval for new higher specification bins outside the shops at Tattenham Corner. We also expect some resurfacing work to take place on the pavement between The Silver Spoon and Howards. We have a list of residents who would like trees in the verges outside their properties and we look forward to new trees this year.

Refreshing Tattenhams R A: We have made good progress in the last twelve months towards our objective of growing and developing the Residents' Association.

- **Recruit at least 5 new road stewards:** In the last year we have recruited eight new road stewards covering: Downland Way, Downland Gardens, Colman Close, Ellington Way, Downs Wood, West Drive and Tangier Way.
- **Increase membership by 16%:** Committee members and road stewards delivered additional newsletters and recruited new members in roads such as Colman Close, Ashcombe Terrace, Oatfield Road and Downland Gardens. Overall this additional activity increased our membership by 2% which has reversed the downward trend. Thanks to the generosity of residents, revenues from subs are up significantly. Thanks to everyone for all your hard work.
- **Recruit additional committee members:** We are delighted to welcome Martin Beard to the committee this year. Come along to a committee meeting on a trial basis, if you are interested.
- **Improve social media and use of technology:** We would like to increase our use of social media and if you are interested in helping please get in touch. I am pleased to report that we have adopted Microsoft 365 as a secure environment for our administration.
- **Events: in 2017** we hosted two public meetings: our AGM with the guest speaker from the Surrey Crime Reduction Unit. At our Autumn meeting we had two representatives from the NHS St Helier Trust to talk about hospital developments. In 2018 we would like to hold more events for members.
- **New initiative for 2018 - first aid courses for the public:** We have secured funding to run a number of free courses that we can offer to Tattenhams residents. The courses cover basic first aid and are delivered by qualified practitioners. We will hold them in the Tattenhams Library. For more information please contact me.

Challenges for 2018: The County Council's budget issues are ongoing – see opposite. We know that many services will be at risk – we will be scrutinising the detail of any cuts and opposing them where we can. We will be supporting residents in opposing un-neighbourly planning applications. We will be pressing both councils to stick to their promises for improvements in the Preston Regeneration Area supported by the profits from the sale of the de Burgh site. We will be fighting the Borough Council elections in May and look forward to meeting you on the doorstep.

Thank you to all our members and supporters for your work in 2017. We would be delighted to see you at the AGM where we will deliver a more comprehensive account of our activities and plans.

Mrs. Rue Stanley ruestanley17@gmail.com

COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET – 6% TAX INCREASE

Last year, a dramatic intervention from Downing Street pulled Surrey back from the brink of a 15% council tax hike. David Hodge, the Conservative Leader, said he had reached a “gentlemen’s agreement” with government and Surrey avoided an unprecedented referendum which would have been held at the same time as elections for new councillors. And almost certain defeat. This led to questions from Jeremy Corbyn, accusing the Prime Minister of a sweetheart deal for Surrey.

We’ve now found out what the gentlemen’s agreement actually means. The County has been awarded a one year “business rates pilot grant” of £20 million; all that did was replace a previous “transition grant”. A long-term arrangement for council funding has been pushed off a further year to 2021 at the earliest.

The County Council has lost over £200 million in government grant funding over the last 8 years. The Government has “allowed” the Council to bridge the gap by raising the council tax from residents. Getting on for 90% of money now comes from council tax, for the rest of the country it averages only 60%.



UK's richest county hit by £100m cash crisis
Nine out of ten authorities will go over budget



THE TIMES

Surrey has done well in making savings over the years, but with 70% of the money going into the statutory social care services for adults and children, increasingly residents are seeing the loss of the universal services we all use – turning out street lights, reducing spending on roads and charging at the recycling centre.

To balance the books in the coming year council tax is going up by 6% (3% regular and 3% as a special adult social care levy). In addition, the Council will be using £24 million from reserves and £15 million of capital receipts to plug the gap and is running a £10 million loss in the current year. All this drew the headline above from *The Times*.

Several pressures and demands have hit Surrey worse than many other counties:

- The number of children in Surrey with special educational needs and disabilities grows by 5% each year.
- The number of looked after unaccompanied asylum-seeking children is one of the highest in the country.
- Surrey’s roads are the most heavily used (and worn out) outside of London, and funding doesn’t reflect this.
- The number of elderly supported by care packages increases by 4% each year.
- The grant of £70 million from the NHS to look after the learning disabled re-housed after the closure of the old mental health hospitals such as Epsom has been cut by £40 million.

Residents Association councillors in Surrey think Surrey County Council might struggle through the coming year but has no credible plan beyond that.

David Hodge, the Conservative Leader has been lobbying Surrey’s MPs (all 11 are Conservative and 4 are government ministers). He tells us they are not listening and has publically asked residents “**to spend 50p on a stamp and write to their MPs about Surrey’s funding situation**”. That’s an incredible admission about his Conservative councillors’ lack of clout.



Surrey’s Cabinet Ministers

Chris Grayling

Jeremy Hunt

Michael Gove

Philip Hammond

If you want to write to your MP, his address is

Chris Grayling MP,
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Westminster,
London SW1A 0AA



TATTENHAMS ROUGH GUIDE TO COMMUNITY SERVICES

There are numerous organisations in Surrey offering services to our community. The array available is mind-boggling! We have compiled a list of some of the charities providing local services and hope you find it useful. This is by no means an extensive list and is based on the information provided on their websites and leaflets.

ACTION FOR CARERS, SURREY Provides support for carers over 18 including: Information on services available to carers, such as benefits and carers' rights. Emotional & practical support. Advocacy. Signposting, referrals to other sources of help. Support groups, training courses. Regular newsletters. Forums and social events.

Contact: T. 0303 040 1234. Email: carersupport@actionforcarers.org.uk

UNDER 18? Contact: **Surrey Young Carers**. T. 01483 568269

AGE CONCERN, BANSTEAD Helping to support the elderly in their own homes. Services include: Transport for health appointments. Home visiting services - volunteers to come for tea and a chat. Volunteers to help access benefits and services and provide information and signposting to other services. Based in Banstead and offering lunch clubs, befriending, and a men's club.

Drop in the Banstead Centre, The Horseshoe, Banstead SM7 2BQ from Monday to Friday 10am-3pm.

Contact: General enquiries T. 01737 352156. Transport T. 01737 370078.

Email: office@ageconcernbanstead.org.uk.

LIVE AT HOME Provides care, accommodation and support services for older people living independently, in care homes, residential nursing and specialist dementia care. Services delivered by a mix of volunteers and paid staff and include transport, befriending, signposting, clubs and groups and newsletters. Contact and more information: www.mha.org.uk/liveathome

MARY FRANCES TRUST Committed to supporting people locally who are affected by emotional and mental health issues. Residents can access services through professional referral or completing a referral form available on their website, or by calling T.01372 375 400.

Provides a wide range of services including: advice and information, learning & skills, groups and activities, peer support, wellbeing services and self-help groups.

Plus, a **SAFE HAVEN** for people in a mental health crisis. Open 6-11pm The Larches, 44 Waterloo Road, Epsom KT19 8EX. Contact: T. 01372 375 400. Text. 07929 024722.

Contact and information on www.maryfrancestrust.org.uk

RICHMOND FELLOWSHIP Provides mental health support to adults with a diagnosed mental health condition who need help to find or stay in work. Practical help and support delivered by specialist mental health advisers. Services include: career path planning, exploring & identifying job opportunities, CV writing and applications, interview practice, preparing for transition into work and support for workplace issues.

Contact: T. 01372 363934. Email: info.midsurrey@richmondfellowship.org.uk

Fountain House, Cleeve Road, Leatherhead KT22 7LX Facebook/[rfmentalhealth](https://www.facebook.com/rfmentalhealth)

UNITED CHURCH ST MARKS, Great Tattenhams Offering family friendly church services on Sunday at 10am and numerous other community services. Information on www.stmarkschurch.me.uk

Messy Munchkins - a parent and toddler interactive play session, contact Liz T.01372 279539.

Beavers, Cubs & Scouts, more details at www.1sttattenhamsscouts.co.uk.

Rainbows, Brownies & Guides, contact Mel Bracey T 01737 360069.

Afternoon Group for older folk, contact Helen Trenaman T. 01737 360069.

Community lunches, contact Gill Keens T. 01737 353953.

CAN'T FIND WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR?

Try the **FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE** which is a comprehensive list and directory of local services available from charities and government agencies. Search for information on keeping you and your family safe, support your child's education and development. Discover mental health and wellbeing services, local parent support groups and services. Local events and information on activities. Contact: T. 0300 200 1004. Website: www.surreycc.gov.uk/family-information-service

Directory: www.surreycc.gov.uk/directory Email: surrey.fis@surreycc.gov.uk

ROUND UP

COUNCIL TAX

On a previous page we discussed the County Council's 6% increase in Council Tax. It's looking somewhat better at the Borough Council which set a 3% increase, matching the rate of inflation. The Borough Council receives no grants from government but has controlled costs by taking action on recycling and has found alternatives to the use of expensive bed and breakfast accommodation for homeless families.

David Munro, Surrey's Police and Crime Commissioner, has taken advantage of an increased cap allowed by Government and increased the police element of council tax by 5.3%. He said: "*Whilst some of our dedicated teams are busy tackling growing demand in areas such as domestic abuse, sexual offences, online crime and child abuse, these officers, by the nature of their work, cannot provide a visible patrol presence on our streets. However, I'm also aware that more 'visible' issues such as burglary and anti-social behaviour continue to concern residents in our communities.*"

Taking county, borough and police increases together, overall council tax will be going up by 5½%.

POLICING IN BANSTEAD

Whilst the policing element of council tax has gone up by the maximum, our local police presence through the neighbourhood police teams is much reduced. Sgt Patrick McCann is the local sergeant, covering all of the borough north of the M25, and based in Reigate Police Station. He is supported by a single PC, Neil Ware, and 2 to 3 Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's). Surrey no longer has neighbourhood teams responsible for engaging with the public, establishing useful contacts and obtaining local intelligence. Their role is now assisting in investigations by door to door enquiries, dealing with neighbour disputes and domestic abuse cases.

Most resources are now concentrated in the Area Police Team, again based in Reigate. There are 25 officers in total responding to calls and incidents, including criminal investigations. Only some of these officers are on duty at any specific time.

Overall crime statistics for the borough have gone up by 20% during a 5-month period in 2017, with Nork, Banstead and Preston (but interestingly not Tattenhams) coming out strongly. Questioned on this, David Munro said the method of recording has changed, with break-ins to sheds etc. now included in the numbers. He thought that the British Crime Survey of "underlying crime" was more reliable, and this had shown a decrease.

Crime committed between 1-5am when street lights are now turned off is up by more than 30%. But most burglaries continue to be in the day time.

Sgt. McCann has suggested that our nearness to London is a factor in the increase (Epsom and Ewell show a similar trend). He thought that the burglaries are being carried out by professionals, rather than youngsters. He added that visual deterrence – outside lights, CCTV and alarms - are ways residents can help protect themselves.



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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER 2017

<u>2016</u>	Income	<u>2017</u>
1,796	Subscriptions	2,065
427	Advertising Revenue	657
252	Donations	694
-----	Nork R A - Election Costs Share	61
52	Bank Interest/Credit	3
£2,527		£3,480
	Expenditure	
25	Electoral Commission Registration Fee	25
1,347	Newsletters/AGM Notice	1,301
254	Hire of Hall	203
36	Campaign for Protection of Rural England Fee	36
211	Borough Council Election	-----
-----	County Council Election	269
25	Banstead Federation of Residents Assns	25
20	East Surrey Transport Committee	20
50	Music in the Park	50
25	Charitable Donations	101
121	Community Environment Enhancement	-----
250	Printing & Stationery	116
291	Post, Telephone and Sundries	366
£2,655		£2,512
(£128)	Surplus/Deficit for the year	£968

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2017

ASSETS

5,342	Cash at Bank	5,813
507	in Deposit account	995
-----	in Current account	9
£5,849	Cash in Hand	£6,817

FUNDS

5,977	Income and Expenditure Account	
(128)	Balance as at 31/12/15	
	Less: Deficit for year to 31/12/16	5,849
	Plus: Surplus for year to 31/12/17	968
£5,849		£6,817

R STANLEY
Hon Treasurer

I have examined the above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 2017, together with the books and vouchers of the Tattenhams Residents' Association submitted to me. I report that the said Balance Sheet and Accounts are in accordance therewith and in my opinion show a true and fair view of the affairs of the Association at 31st December 2017.

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S A BROMILEY
Hon Auditor February 2018

2017 - 18 Committee

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